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Discussed Prometheans' Club
RECOMMENDATION: Approved Prometheans Club. Seconded and carried.
Discussed Sat. classes -- that is, MWF, etc.
Recommendation: "That we make complete utilization of facilities and faculty before going to the Saturday-class plan." Sec. & carried.

To Pres Jan 17

Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Tuesday, January 15, 1963
at 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office.

Members present: Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Coder, Mr. Coulson,
Mrs. Colburn, Mr. Dalton, Dr. Dick, Mr. McKee, Miss Rinker,
Mr. Slechta, Mr. Spomer, Miss Veed, Dr. Garwood. Chairman.

Member absent: Dr. Kinsinger.

Also present: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Stones.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. Garwood.

Prometheans Club. The petition of the Prometheans Club which was tabled in the January 8 meeting in order to get additional information was presented. The faculty sponsors of the Club, Mr. Stones and Mr. Spangler, reported on the two questions presented at the last meeting:

1. Regarding the basis of selection of members, it was the feeling of the members of the Club as well as the sponsors that this should be determined by the members of the Club.
2. In regard to the question of the Senate concerning affiliation with other groups and reasons for leaving them, it was noted that this is a difficult question as there seem to be differences of opinion, ~~or interpretation of events and~~ It was suggested that it might be the function of the dean of men to make a report regarding the members' standing in the previous group if this information is deemed pertinent.

Also discussed were the following ideas:

Could the group be approved contingent on clearing up these problems?
Is there a moral problem involved?
Should students be responsible for obligations?
Is this a matter of concern to the national fraternity?

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. McKee recommended that the petition of the Prometheans Club be approved. Seconded and carried.

Saturday Classes. Dr. Garwood said that with the increased enrollment in the next couple of years, it might be well to be considering the possibility of scheduling classes on Saturday, that is Tues., Thurs., and Sat. It is very likely that there will be an increase of 300 students next fall. The present use of rooms indicates that classrooms are used the least at the 12:00, 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 o'clock periods.

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~~This was discussed.~~ The possibility of going to a trimester plan was discussed. It was noted that the members of the teaching staff need Saturdays for purposes other than classroom instruction, i.e., relaxation, research, catching up on desk work, taking care of equipment. It was observed that in universities where Saturday classes are conducted, graduate assistants are generally called upon for classroom duties and not full-time staff members. It was pointed out that more hours of the five-day school week should be utilized before considering the use of Saturday morning classes. It was also noted that faculty morale was not helped by teaching Saturday classes.

A letter from Mr. Keating was read regarding Saturday classes as follows: "I am in favor of Saturday classes but I believe adequate study and planning should be given to establishing this policy. Certainly sufficient time should be given to make necessary adjustment in the college budget and in the budget of dormitories, union, etc,

"For example the dormitories must raise about \$98,000 per year to meet bond and interest commitments. Require students to attend Saturday classes would certainly add to our food cost. At present a quick survey reveals that as many as 75% went home last fall and this on weekends when we had a football game.

"Other areas would be affected are the union and maintenance staff. I assume that additional janitorial staff would be required and some arrangements would have to be made for plumbers, electricians, etc., to be on duty Sat. mornings.

"I say let's have Saturday classes but let us build it into our budgets."

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Slechta recommended that we make complete utilization of facilities and faculty before going to the Saturday-class plan. Seconded. Carried, unanimously.

Dr. Garwood announced that the Senate would not meet January 22 or 28 because of semester examinations and enrollment. At the meeting on February 5 the request of Mr. Friesner regarding a unified plan for writing research papers, themes, etc., will be considered.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Standlee V. Dalton, Secretary

Florence Bodmer, Recorder